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In addition to those goods
McBirney & Co. have prepared
of all suitable goods for

NECKWEAR.



Special neck and lace Frill, Ivory and Pars. 2 1/2.

Also:
A well-selected lace, Silke Knitted Scarves, in self and contrasting colors. From \$4.11 to 12.11. Suitable for Christmas Presents.

HANDKERCHIEFS.

Ladies' Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs in Plain, Boxes of 4, 5, 6, 8 or Half Doz.

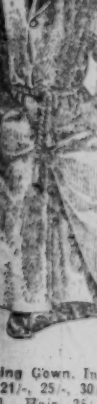
Gentlemen's Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 4, 5, 6, 7 1/2 per Doz. Ladies' Fancy Coloured Bordered

FURS—ACCE-
CHRISTMAS
Cooney Skats, from 9 1/2 to 42.
Real Muffs, 29 1/2 to 3 gns.
Minkskin Tiaras, 25 to 35.
Squirrel through fur or ear seal muffs, 25 to 35.
Civet Cats, large and small.
Gns. Natural Zeal new, 12 gns.
Gns. Black, 10 gns.
5 to 10 gns.

GLOVES



1/- per Doz. Ladies
 Linen H.S. Handkerchiefs.
 6/-, 7/6, 10/- per Doz.
 Gent.'s. Linen H.S.
 Handkerchiefs. , 6/6, 8/-,
 10/6 per Doz.



Ladies' Suede-
Cape Skins and
Antelope Gloves,
in variety, neatly
Suitable for the
Festive Season.


Ladies' Suede and
Gloves, perforated
2/11, 2/11, 4/6,
3/6 per pair.

Magnificent set
Ladies' Wool
Fur-bark Gloves.
Motor Gloves,
diamond pairs 1/6
Kid, Suede, or
skin Gloves. Men's
Boxers, made up
Christmas Eve,
17/6, 22/6 and 30/6.

GENTLEMEN'S
GLOVES

Gentlemen's Tan
Gloves, for dress
wearing, 4/11 &
per pair. Gent's
Tan or Black
skin Vandyke &
per pair. Gent's
Fur-bark and
Motor Gloves.
Wool Gloves, in
Conti variety.

FANCY CO.



After Attache Cases, 12, 12, 14, 16, 18
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CIGARET
HIGHEST QUALITY

GALLAHER LTD.

FOR biliousness, sick headache, indigestion, sluggish liver or disordered digestion, flatulencies, or nervous irritability, Cooke's exactly the help they welcome. The Food is. They contain no mineral or other injurious ingredients. They have been in use for over 100 years and are sold by Chemists, London, W.C., sold by Chemists in

board of Trade desire to urge upon the public the necessity of avoiding all going by train at Christmas time. No which is not of real urgency should be raised, and the public are warned that the train service during the Christmas season will be greatly reduced in comparison with previous years, and that the railway companies cannot undertake to convey passengers to particular destinations.

Military authorities propose to restrict

Useful Xmas Gifts

In addition to those goods represented below
McBirney & Co. have provided extensive stocks
of all suitable goods for Christmas trade,
of which they invite inspection.

NECKWEAR.
FUR-ACCEPTABLE
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.
Coney Seal Throat
Scarves, 2/6, 3/6, 4/6,
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FROM "THE TIMES" OF WES

TO-DAY.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PROPRIETORS OF THE TIMES.)

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

Mr. Lloyd George's Government, says *The Times*, is framed to secure the concentration of power in the hands of five statesmen who shall be free to devote all their energies and all their influence to the consummation of the great

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With the dominating report

to which the Empire stands committed. Of the members of the War Cabinet, two are Ministers with portfolios, two more hold offices with duties that are merely nominal, while the fifth, Mr. Bonar Law, who undertakes the leadership of the Commons, is not expected to be a regular attendant at its sittings. The result, which is shown with tradition is sufficiently shown, is the absence from it of all Secretaries of State, and of the other heads of the great departments. It is one of those almost revolutionary innovations which the wonderful flexibility of our Constitution has always enabled us to effect in

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rapidity with which it has got to work like the
 rapidity with which it was formed, is a good
 augury for its achievement. The difficulties are
 numerous, but we are confident that Mr. Lloyd
 George has chosen the right way to solve them.
 He has chosen England a small, strong War
 Cabinet, which will be in constant session, and
 will exercise entire control and bear entire re-
 sponsibility for the conduct of the war.

MEN AND OFFICES.
 The Government continues to...

only contains a great number of public officials, but it also includes an unusually large proportion of men without previous experience in official routine. That may constitute a danger, because it will tend to leave them more than usually subject to the influence of the permanent officials. These are, or used to be, an admirable body of public servants, and we have always refused to criticize individuals amongst them because they are unable to answer for themselves. But the responsible class is now answer for them will do well to bear in mind that the Civil Service has lately been tending

more and more to produce a totally new type of official. These men are not content to remain administrators as public servants continued to be until some twenty years ago. It is very essential that Ministers quite new to the work of the Departments should be on their guard against the political atmosphere which pervades some of them. Meanwhile, the energy which the Cabinet are displaying encourages a hope that they will speedily announce something in the nature of a programme.

THE WAR CABINET.

The War Cabinet, writes *The Times* Parliamentary Correspondent, answers fully the requirements laid down by Mr. Lloyd George in the recent plan which he submitted to Mr. Asquith. It is smaller than the old War Cabinet of seven. It will have complete control of the direction of the war, and will not have to submit any decision to a superior or rival governing authority, like the old Cabinet, for ratification. Its four principal members, freed from departmental duties, will be able to give their undivided attention to the conduct of the

connection it is understood that Mr. Cursons will give up his Chairmanship of the Air Board and the Shipping Control Committee. The arrangement by which Mr. Bonar Law will act as leader of the House of Commons meets another of Mr. Lloyd George's objections to the old system. He held it was impossible for the Prime Minister to carry out his Parliamentary duties and be an effective Chairman of the War Council at the same time.

CONTROLLER.

The country, says *The Times* Parliamentary correspondent, had been led to expect the appointment of a Food Controller. A Shipping Controller is entirely a new departure. The appointment of Sir Joseph Macleay meets the expectation that there have been too many flourishes, each dealing with particular aspects of the tonnage problem, and that one supreme controlling authority has been lacking. Sir Joseph Macleay, head of the firm of Macleay & McIntyre, is one of the largest private owners in the country.

**THE LATE SIR HUGH LANES
PICTURES.**

**REVIEWS OF LADY GREGORY AND
MR. YEATS.**

The London *Observer* contains interviews with Lady Gregory and Mr. W. B. Yeats regarding the late Sir Hugh Lane's pictures. Lady Gregory said:—“He (Sir Hugh Lane) sold them for Dublin; he hung them in

men, but took them away because the Dublin Corporation, not fully satisfied with the pictures at French pictures, refused to build a gallery as he desired to receive them. He then took them to the National Gallery of London for exhibition, but the National Gallery refused to accept them. He then offered them ungraciously as the Dublin Corporation, for hanging the pictures and announced that they were going to be exhibited they then refused to exhibit them unless Sir Hugh made himself to give or bequeath them to London. He refused to do this, and the pictures were taken down, and the public were not allowed to see them. The same story was told upon them in London as in Dublin. It recalls one of the couple—

There is now a struggle for them between Dublin and London. All the educational establishments in Dublin have made an appeal to the London Gallery, besides all the most distinguished writers and artists. The London people, on the other hand, are so determined to keep the group, that they have announced they intend to build a Continental Gallery to hold them." Mr. W. B. Yeats realised Sir John's great indignation at the suggestion that the Dublin Corporation refused to build a gallery to receive the pictures. "It was as he said," of extraordinary vehemence. "He said he felt for the first time in his life."

had already bequeathed everything he possessed to the Galleries of Modern Painting in London, and he felt that he had to do something for his country. At this moment he had a new will bequeathing his modern pictures to the National Gallery of London. Early in 1915, when he started for America on that voyage from which he destined to return never, for he was drowned on his homeward journey in the Lusitania, he wrote a codicil bequeathing his pictures to the Dublin Galleries, which he had originally intended them to be. His codicil in an envelope, sealed it up and put it in his desk, addressed to his sister, Mrs. George. It is quite plain that he considered it important. It is written in his own hand.

aged by him. No doubt he considered the light of a masterpiece to the already existing, and it did not occur to him that it also be witnessed. It would seem, in fact, that the Trustees of the London National Asylum want to benefit by a German act of violence.

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Castlebar Prison is about to be made into County Asylum purpose. Ad

On Saturday of the Mayo County Jail a letter was read from the General Prison Board agreeing to hand over the portion of the jail on license for conversion into an auxiliary asylum, this arrangement to stand until twelve months after the cessation of peace. Steps of the transfer of the entire prison to be taken on, providing at their own expense a prison elsewhere in Castlebar suitable for accommodation of thirty prisoners, failing which the proposed license would be null and the whole prison would revert once again to the use of the General Prisons Board. The Council referred the letter to the Mayo Prison Committee for their consideration.

FOUNDED FROM GERMANY.

Rhetic night was witnessed at the Tibury on Saturday, when the hospital ship, *Alta*, arrived with a party of wounded *casualties* from Germany. Ninety-one were *on board*, a large proportion of whom had lost *limbs* and either hobbled *on crutches* or were carried by Red Cross attend-*ants*. The sailor who had been in the *Juland* was included. He belonged to the *Tipp* and had lost a leg. Eight *prisoners* were

them into

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FINANCIAL NEWS

LONDON STOCK MARKETS

VERY DULL.

WAR NEWS NOT HELPFUL.

ARGENTINE RAILS BETTER.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

There was no general improvement to be noted in the London stock markets. The same feature was at work, as yesterday. Confidence was

lacked to a certain extent of the re-considering of the Government, but on the other hand the

grave news from the East and the continued success of the enemy submarine campaign prevented any marked development of cheerfulness. Divided opinion was on the

firm-side. Home Rails remained dull from

speculation, and the approach of the half-yearly dividend declarations has so far caused no

interest or enthusiasm. In the Argentine market the tendency was again downwards. Wall

Street is stated to be still uneasy regarding the international situation, but satisfactory reports

from Argentina Rails rather from. In the

market Allied Bonds were barely

steady. Rubber Shares had quotations

moderate setback in the price of the raw

material. Oil was again in the market

played irregularly. Shell made no response to

the dividend announcement, but Royal Dutch

improved on the previous trading. The

shares on to the New York market. Efforts

were made to stem the tide of the market

during the forenoon, but prices resumed their

fall towards the finish. It is generally

perceived that the Government's

participation in the New Government

conditional upon a 20 per cent. reduction in

shipping. There was very little doing in the

Columbian list. Victoria 4 1/2 per cent. recorded a

point to 92.

FOREIGN BONDS DULL.

There was very little business in Foreign

bonds. The French loan changed hands

moderately under the previous quotation of

80, being held steady by the fact that

Rumanian were dull, despite the slight

improvement in the exchange, but quotations

remained lower. Greek issues remained

firmly advanced, but the market was

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